(b) if so, the details of the agreement; and

(c) how far Indian aviation will be benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Air India has concluded an agreement with Virgin Atlantic under which Virgin Atlantic would be permitted to operate 3 services per week between Delhi and London using the traffic rights of Air India. These flights will be operated under a Code-share/Block Space arrangement with Air India under which Air India would be allocated a block of 64 seats on each one-way flight.

(c) The agreement will improve the air service operations between India and U.K. Air India expects to earn a net profit of Rs. 13.8 crores per annum from the Code-share arrangement.

Integration of Vayudoot Staff with Indian Airlines

1205. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of integrating the staff of Vayudoot on its merger with the Indian Airlines in 1993; and

(b) whether the employees of erstwhile Vayudoot Corporation have been provided adequately upon thier absorption in the short haul operation department of the Indian Airlines Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The employees of Vayudoot have been absorbed in the Short Haul Operations Department of Indian Airlines in accordance with the decisions taken by the Absorption committee appointed by the Government.

Enquiry into Hijacking of an IA Plane

†1206. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the hijacking of Indian Airlines plane on 24th December, 1999;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi